

List of figures in the Hawaiian religion

Hawaiian narrative or mythology, tells stories of nature and life. It is considered a variant of a more general Polynesian narrative, developing its own unique character for several centuries before about 1800. It is associated with the Hawaiian religion. The religion was officially suppressed in the 19th century, but kept alive by some practitioners to the modern day.

Prominent figures and terms in Hawaiian mythology



A statue of Hawaiian deity

- Aumakua - spirit of an ancestor or family god
- ‘Elepaio - monarch flycatcher
- Kanehekili - god of thunder
- Haumea - goddess of birth
- Hi‘iaka - sister of Pele, daughter of Haumea & Kāne
- Hina - goddess of Moon
- Kaha‘i - Demigod of thunder and lightning
- Kahō‘āli‘i - god of underworld
- Kalamainu‘u - lizard goddess
- Kamapua‘a - warlike god of wild boars, husband of Pele
- Kāmohoali‘i - shark god
- Kanaloa - complementary power of Kāne, god of the oceans, consequently the ruler of the Mana.
- Kāne - highest of the four major Hawaiian deities, The chief of the Hawaiian trinity, which also consists of his brothers Lono and Ku. In contrast to Lono being the deity of cultivated foods, Kane was the god of wild foods and plants like trees, etc. He was also the god of the forests and jungles with all their gifts like wood, medicinal plants and leaves, etc.
- Kapo
- Kapu - the ancient code of conduct of laws and regulations
- Kapua
- Kaulu - killer of Haumea
- Kihawahine - lizard woman
- Kinilau
- Kū - god of war
- Kumulipo - ancient chant of creation
- Kuula - god of fishermen
- Laka - goddess of hula & fertility/reproducation, love and beauty, wife of god Lono
- Lohiau - chief of Kaua‘i
- Lono - god of agriculture, peace
- Mana - impersonal force
- Māui - ancient hero and chief, demigod, shape shifter

- Menehune
- Nāmaka - sea goddess and sister of Pele
- Nu‘akea - goddess of milk
- Nightmarchers
- Nu‘u - Hawaiian Noah
- Papa - Goddess of Nature
- Pa‘ao
- Paka‘a - god of the wind, gatekeeper of underworld, wife of Kaiwa, Mother of Kaha‘i
- Paliuli
- Papahānaumoku
- Pele - goddess of fire and volcanoes
- Poli‘ahu - goddesses of snow
- Ukupanipo - another shark god
- Wahieloa
- Waka - lizard goddess
- Wākea - Sky father

See also

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